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SUBJ: OUTBREAK OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE IN MALTA

ROME FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

1. GOM MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MICALLEF ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT JUNE 9 THAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN BY GOM TO CONTROL A RECENT OUTBREAK OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE. LOCAL APPEARANCE OF DISEASE (OF TYPE O VIRUS) THOUGHT TO HAVE ORIGINS IN SHIPLOAD OF IMPORTED SWILL. OUTBREAK ALLEGEDLY CONFINED TO SINGLE FARM. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT SPREAD INCLUDE SLAUGHTER OF SOME 250 SWINE AND INITIATION OF NATIONWIDE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

2. OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY ATTEMPTED PURSUE ISSUE IN PARLIAMENT, WITH ALLEGATIONS OF LABOR GOVERNMENT INEFFICIENCY IN HANDLING MATTER, RESULTING IN DISRUPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

3. COMMENT: EXPERT IMPARTIAL SOURCE (NON-MALTESE) INFORMED EMBOFF THAT INFECTED ANIMALS WERE CONFINED

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TO FARM IN ISOLATED AREA, THUS FACILITATING CONTROL

OF DISEASE. SOURCE ADDED THAT GOM AUTHORITIES
HANDLING MATTER ARE DOING SO COMPETENTLY AND
EFFECTIVELY.WIGGINS

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